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(ii) Government servants employed in the Agency tracts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and East Godavari;

(iii) Members of the Secretariat staff, below the rank of Assistant Secretary while on duty at Ootacamund.

(*b*) No.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know the basis on which this classification is fixed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I do not know what the basis is; but that is the practice."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what the Government mean by 'departmental officers with honorary rank'?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Number of medical men sent on study leave.

* 141 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the number of medical men who have been sent on study leave from each district during the past ten years?

A.—Fifty-five medical officers were granted study leave during the last five years. Government have no information in regard to the districts to which these officers belong.

Mr. A. B SHETTY:—"May I know why the Government did not call for the information asked for in this question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"It is not possible to get it."

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—"May I know how many officers come from Andhra districts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know if the Government has found out whether any particular district or districts are having more than a fair share of this privilege?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Rao Sahib B. VENKKATARAMAYYA:—"May I know whether there is a complaint that the Andhra districts are not fairly represented?" How many of the fifty-five officers are from Andhra districts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Notice, Sir."

Floods

Damage caused by the storm in the City of Madras.

* 142 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ascertained the nature and extent of the damage caused by the recent storm and excessive rain in the City of Madras and its neighbourhood; and if so, what it is; and

(b) what action has been taken, or is proposed to be taken by Government by way of relief in aid of or in addition to the relief afforded by the Corporation or other local bodies?

A.—(a) The Government have called for a detailed report.

(b) The Government have sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 10,500 towards the cost of repairing the houses provided for the depressed classes in Ganesapuram and Paddisonpuram cheris in Madras which were damaged during the recent storm and floods. It is also proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Labour to place at the disposal of the Commissioner of the Corporation a further sum of Rs. 6,000 for distribution through the Flood Relief Committee to members of the depressed class community in several cheris in Madras for the reconstruction of the houses damaged by the recent storm.

Forest Panchayats

Rates of grazing fee collected by panchayats in Anantapur and Bellary districts.

* 143 Q.—Mr. A. Kondappa: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the rate of grazing fee per unit collected by the panchayats in Anantapur district;

(b) the rate of grazing fee per unit collected by the panchayats in Bellary district; and

(c) the reasons for the difference, if any?

A.—(a) Gudipad panchayat ... 4 annas.
All the other panchayats. 8 ,,

(b) 1 panchayat ... ... 3 ,,
95 panchayats ... ... 4 ,,
7 ,, ... 5 ,,
2 ,, ... 6 ,,
6 ,, ... 8 ,,

(c) The rates vary according to local circumstances and are fixed with the concurrence of the panchayat concerned.

Mr. A. Kondappa:—"May I know why in Bellary district the rate of fees levied is half the rate generally levied in Anantapur district? What are the local circumstances which justify a higher rate in Anantapur district?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Irrigation

Supply of water for irrigation in Tiruppattur taluk.

* 144 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of remission of land revenue granted each year during the last ten years in the taluk of Tiruppattur;

(b) what is the reason for such remission every time;